

20 February 1986

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Donovan Award Committee of the Veterans of the OSS is pleased and honored to give you the William J. Donovan Medal. The Donovan Award has been given since the mid-1960s to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the national security of the United States in the civilian-military tradition of General Donovan. This award has been presented to John McCloy, Allen Dulles, President Eisenhower, Everett Dirksen, Lieutenant General William Quinn, Lord Mountbatten, Chabvan Delmas (deGaulle's resistance chief in World War II), Ambassador Robert Murphy, David Bruce, William Casey, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, John McCone and Sir William Stevenson.

We are especially pleased to award you the Donovan Medal this year which marks the fortieth anniversary of the Veterans of OSS and which has special symbolic value to us in that President Eisenhower, as Supreme Commander in Europe and later as President, gave the initial impetus to American intelligence and now to you, the President who has rebuilt the American Intelligence Community to what we believe to be its highest capability.

I was pleased to learn from Bill Casey and Ed Meese that you would accept the award on a date convenient to you in Washington at a dinner held by the Veterans of OSS.

Respectfully yours,

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Ed,

Presentation of the Donovan Award to the boss would be done any time after the first of the year at a small dinner in Washington.

Previous recipients have been President Eisenhower, Lord Mountbatten, Jack McCloy, Chabvan Delmas, then Prime Minister of France and deGaulle's resistance chief in World War II, Allen Dulles, yours truly in 1973, David Bruce, John McCone, Margaret Thatcher in 1981, Dick Helms, and Sir William Stevenson as Chief of Security in the United States during World War II.

I am particularly anxious for the President to be the second U.S. President to receive the Donovan Medal. That would have symbolic significance in that American intelligence got its initial impetus under General and then President Eisenhower and has been restored under President Reagan.

Yours,

William J. Casey

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
The Attorney General
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